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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **Rebuilding Together Distributes Free Hurricane Clean-up Kits to Residents Affected by Hurricane Helene**

**Pinellas County, Fla.**— Hurricane Helene raced through the Gulf Coast, leaving a path of destruction that will take years to recover from. Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay is dedicated to providing immediate and long-term relief for residents after the storm.

On **Wednesday, October 2, from noon until supplies run out**, volunteers from Rebuilding Together, along with partners ToolBank, Farm Share, and Sunshine Health, will host a drive-thru event at the [Lealman Exchange Community Center](#) to distribute supply buckets filled with items to help residents with their immediate recovery efforts. Some of the items that will be handed out or available for free include:

- Cleaning Supplies
- Tarps
- MRE's
- Water and much more

**WHAT:** Rebuilding Together Distributes Free Hurricane Clean-up Kits, MREs and Water to Residents Affected by Hurricane Helene

**WHERE:** Lealman Exchange Community Center

[5175 45th St. North, St. Petersburg, FL 33714](https://www.google.com/maps/place/5175+45th+St,+St.+Petersburg,+FL+33714)

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 2

12:00 noon to until supplies run out

Rebuilding Together is committed to supporting the community during this critical time, providing residents with the tools they need to begin the long road to recovery. Those wishing to help can do so by volunteering or making a donation. Details can be found at [www.rttb.org](http://www.rttb.org).

### **About Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay**

Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay (RTTB) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to repairing homes, revitalizing communities, and rebuilding lives. Since 2000, RTTB has provided critical home repairs and modifications to low-income homeowners, ensuring they live in safe and healthy environments. Through partnerships with volunteers, donors, and local organizations, RTTB continues to make a lasting impact on the Tampa Bay community.

**ToolBank Disaster Services** provides the tools to get the job done when a disaster strikes. We deploy staff and various size trailers filled with tools to equip community-based organizations and their volunteers at no cost. When a natural disaster strikes in the United States, our citizens mobilize to support those in need, sometimes traveling hundreds of miles to lend a hand. The profound need within an affected community is often answered by the goodwill of Americans wanting to do good work. ToolBank Disaster Services offers a critical resource to bridge the gap between the cresting waves of disaster and relief with our tools and equipment. For more information, visit: [www.toolbank.org/toolbank-disaster-services](http://www.toolbank.org/toolbank-disaster-services).

### **About Farm Share**

Established in 1991, Farm Share started the innovative concept of retrieving unused food from Florida farms and redistributing it to those in need. Operations began in Homestead

and have expanded to serve the entire state of Florida as a homegrown food bank. Farm Share is the largest independent food bank in the state, the third largest in the nation, and was recently named America's No. 1 Food Bank by Wall Street 24/7. The nonprofit organization focuses on fighting food insecurity in Florida while simultaneously reducing food waste from local farms. The Farm Share team redistributes fresh fruits and vegetables from Florida farmers to benefit neighborhoods and communities in need throughout all 67 counties in Florida. To learn more about Farm Share, visit [www.farmshare.org](http://www.farmshare.org).

### **About Sunshine Health**

Headquartered in Broward County and with offices across the state, [Sunshine Health](#) is among the largest healthcare plans in Florida. Offering coordinated care and a network of support for our members, Sunshine Health is transforming the health of the community, one person at a time. It offers government-sponsored managed care through Medicaid, Long Term Care, the Health Insurance Marketplace ([Ambetter](#)), and Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plans ([Wellcare](#)). Its specialty plans include the Child Welfare Specialty Plan serving children in or adopted from the state's Child Welfare system; the Serious Mental Illness Specialty Plan for people living with serious mental illness; and the Children's Medical Services Health Plan, operated by Sunshine Health on behalf of the Florida Department of Health for children and adolescents with special healthcare needs. Sunshine Health is a wholly-owned subsidiary of [Centene Corporation](#), a leading healthcare enterprise that is committed to helping people live healthier lives. For more information, visit [SunshineHealth.com](http://SunshineHealth.com) or follow us on Facebook and Twitter [@SunHealthFL](#).

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